THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Tuesday, 9th August 1955.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at half-past eight of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION.

Subsidy to Social Welfare Centre at Kalpetta.

* 3 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI (on behalf of Sri M. K. Padmaprabha Gounder): Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the State Government give any subsidy to the Social Welfare Centre at Kalpetta in Wynaad taluk;

(*b*) if so, how much; and

(*c*) whether this Government exercise any control over this Centre?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Government have so far sanctioned a sum of Rs. 6,041–14–0 for the Social Welfare Extension Project in the Malabar district. The Social Welfare Centre (Maternity) at Kalpetta has been set up under the auspices of the above Project.

" (*c*) Yes, Sir.

" The accounts of the Welfare Extension Projects are audited by the Accounts Officer of the State Government. The concerned Collectors and the Assistant Women's Welfare Officers of the Women's Welfare Department are also represented in the Project Implementing Committees."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know, Sir, when this Kalpetta Centre was started, and what is the work so far turned out by the Centre? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, this Centre was started on 31st December 1954 as a maternity centre and as such the work turned out by it related to the maternity functions."

Foreign gifts received in 1954.

* 2019 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have received any foreign gift in 1954, and if so, what they are?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, Sir, a statement[a] containing the particulars is placed on the table of the House."

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 835–836 infra.

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SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" Sir, skimmed milk powder is distributed in South Arcot to the Missions and the Priests and they supply this to under-nourished children belonging to the Christian community and not to non-Christian children. May I request the Government to instruct the Collector and the Public Health authorities to distribute this powder to all children whether they are Christians or non-Christians? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I shall consider that suggestion, Sir."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :— " கனம் மெம்பர் ஸ்ரீ அரங்கநாதன் அவர்கள் டிபார்ட்மெண்ட் மூலமாக வினியோகம் செய்யவேண்டியதன் அவசியத்தை வற்புறுத்தினார்கள். ஆனால் டிபார்ட்மெண்ட் மூலமாக வினியோகிக்கப்படக்கூடிய இடங்களில்கூட இந்த பால் பௌடர் ஏழைக் குழந்தைகளுக்குப் போவதில்லை என்பது சர்க்காருக்குத் தெரியுமா ? பால் பௌடர் மார்க்கெட்டுக்குப் போய், நமது பால் வியாபாரத்தை பாதிக்கக்கூடிய நிலைமை ஏற்பட்டிருக்கிறது என்பது சர்க்காருக்குத் தெரியுமா ? இதைத் தடுப்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப் போகிறார்கள் ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" That is not with reference to the milk-powder distributed through the hospitals. My own information is that they have been distributed properly. But from Bombay and outside certain milk-powder is coming here and that is disturbing the milk trade here."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" When milk-powder was distributed for children of the schools, the teachers had their days very much celebrated with ' Payasam ' and all that. Thus there has been much abuse. We are now having butter-oil from America. Do Government follow, in making such distribution, any principle with respect to the institutions to which they are granted? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Generally, voluntary organizations take up this work of distribution, just like some of the institutions run by Mrs. Clubwala, that is, social service organizations. Certainly they have to make the choice and it may in some cases be arbitrary and it is bound to be arbitrary as there are a large number of institutions which deserve help."

Construction of roads in Ponnani taluk.

* 2020 *Q.*—SRI E. T. KUNHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation, dated 17th May 1954 from Sri E. T. Kunhan, M.L.A., regarding the construction of roads from Nariparamba to Edappal and Nariparamba to Kuttipuram Main Road in Ponnani taluk; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The works referred to have been included in the Local Development Works Programme of Malabar and have been sanctioned by the Collector of Malabar."